



**July 2024 Newsletter**

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### **More Trees in the Parish**

We are pleased that our request has been granted for some tree planting to be undertaken along the right-hand side of the new path (looking towards the wood). This should happen in the early autumn which is the most advantageous season for establishing new trees. NYC will recommend and consult with the Parish Council regarding the specific location and species to be planted. Additionally, we are considering the purchase and installation of 2-3 picnic benches which might be interspersed between these new trees and which would enhance the recreational facilities of the ground.

We are making connections with the Council, Woodland Trust and other organisations that can provide trees, planting advice and help with planting. Tree cover enhances our environment and visual amenity, reduces temperatures through shading and helps address climate change. We will welcome any suggestions you may have regarding other areas across the parish which you feel would benefit from additional tree planting. These might be our public spaces, along streets that are lacking trees or on land that you own. Let's see if we can match places to plant with the help of organisations that are keen to help us do it. Please let our clerk know about your suggestions at [parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk).

### **Crimple Meadows Park**

The adult gym equipment has undergone its annual inspection (undertaken by an external provider) with all pieces passing with flying colours. We continue to further our enquiries about the secure-fixing of the now vandalised "Safety Notice".

The much welcomed and used new path across the park has mostly now bedded in and we've seen where nature has recovered some of the inevitable damage from construction in the wet winter. We're discussing with contractors and the council about some small scale 'finishing off' in areas. One view of the naturally rewilded area at the entrance to the park and by the path is that this could be left like this as a natural feature, improving habitats. Do let us know your thoughts on this as we progress the finishing of the work.

### **Parish planters**

We were very pleased to support Horticap again in purchasing some plants by way of a modest refurbishment of the three planters in the parish which were built by them and installed in 2020. The original plantings have done fairly well with some ivy and shrub privet surviving the rigours of whatever the weather throws at them in addition to spring bulbs. Our clerk does her best – given that she lives some distance outside the parish – to tend to their needs but they do suffer somewhat during particularly dry conditions. May we ask if there is anyone with occasional time on their hands to take over the care of a planter in their locality? They are placed 1) near the church noticeboard, 2) on the green area in front of the village hall and 3) at the top of Burn Bridge Road. The Parish Council would, of course, reimburse any care expense. Please do let Jane know if you are willing to assist: [parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk).

### **Trimming of hedges!**

We can all question the very dubious summer weather experienced *but*, without doubt, the occasional warm and very wet conditions have been ideal for the lush and abundant growth of the grass and, particularly, hedges in our villages. We have received a number of comments and concerns that some hedges which border paths and footways are making walking very uncomfortable on those routes because they have grown so well and not been cut back.

Please consider your neighbours and local area by cutting back your hedges and note: “*Hedges and trees grown to mark the boundary with private property are the responsibility of the landowner or occupier and it is up to them to maintain them.*”

### **December 2024 Carols on the Green**

We have been asked to look at a date for this event and it has been agreed that it will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Advance notice for your 2025 diaries**

V E Day celebrates its 80th anniversary next year when the event will be celebrated nationally with the lighting of beacons. The Parish Council are, again, planning on an evening celebration as took place this year for the D Day event. Please put Thursday 8th May 2025 in your diary!

Additionally, it is planned to hold another Family Fun Day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### **“Walk the Bounds” of the Parish Footpaths – confirmation of arrangements**

As you will be aware from previous newsletters and with time pressing on to the autumn, the parish boundary footpath walk is fixed for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and to which you are all warmly invited. **Please put the date in your diaries!** Here are the details of the day and how to get route information.

The Council has put much planning and thought into this first event of its kind and all we need now is for you, your families, children (and dogs!) to make this an enjoyable occasion, coupled with some hopefully decent weather! Our aim is to enjoy the views and countryside of our parish together.

- The main route is approximately 7.5 miles and follows as closely as possible to the parish boundary, often along it, using public rights of way and permissive paths. There are two shorter routes if you want to do only part or for the younger children to enjoy with you.
- The group start will be around 10.00am to 10.15am from The Black Swan pub. Please arrive any time from 9.30am when you will be offered complimentary coffee and a light breakfast, before departing singly or in groups whichever is your preference and at your own pace.
- This is not a guided walk so walkers must take responsibility for their own safety and for completing their walk - but we will provide printed route maps, a description of the walk and can supply a GPX file for those who want to use their Strava, OS Maps, Komoot or similar.
- A half-way house will be set up on Leadhall Lane with coffee and snacks and another opportunity to gather.
- There will be a photographic competition for photos taken along the route and a nature quiz for children – both with fabulous prizes. Pick up the details from the pub on the day before you set off.
- There’s no set time to finish but the routes finish back at The Black Swan and we simply encourage you to drop in, hand in your nature quiz entries and enjoy a drink or a bite to eat after your exertions.
- You are, of course, welcome to bring your dog/s but would just like to reinforce that your care and consideration is given especially if your dog is off the leash and when walking in a group with children and other dogs.
- Finally, even if you can’t walk at the group start in the morning, we would love as many people as possible to walk the route on the day. You’ll miss the hospitality but still can enjoy the walk and enter the competitions.

Please **register your intention** to “Walk The Bounds” on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – we need to estimate numbers to plan refreshments at the pub and halfway house. We would like to have some contact to be able to send you route GPZ files and information if you want to walk alone too. So please, if you are planning to join, email [parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) and just let us know:

- Name for the lead contact

- How many people joining
- Tell us if you're a group start for refreshment or walking on your own later in the day
- Yes: if you'd like the GPX file for the routes

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in September

### **Parish Emergency and Resilience Plan**

As you will be aware, we have sought support from yourselves with regard to the compilation of this Emergency Plan requesting your assistance in offering enthusiasm / skills / expertise in a number of areas and we very much appreciate the few offers of those who have come forward to help in a "time of crisis". We do, however, still need more volunteers to put their names forward to assist should the villages experience an emergency and from those who would be willing to co-ordinate activities and assist the emergency services if required. Please find the draft Plan link here:

<https://v6admin.visionict.com/Sites/231/ UserFiles/Files/Documents/PCCommEmergencyDRAFTPlanMarch2024.pdf> which will give you an idea of the role support that is needed. This link is also included on the Parish Council website under News / Newsletters (No 83).

We do very much appreciate that time is precious but aside from an hour or two once a year to review The Plan we sincerely hope we would never have to call on your help. Should you feel able to provide a little time each year this will be very much appreciated.

### **A further and recent site meeting with an NYC Highways engineer**

We were pleased to be offered the opportunity of a meeting, on site, with an NYC Highways engineer to discuss a variety of potential improvements to highways, pathways, parking management, crossings and other measures with the aim of making the village centre safer and more accessible for walking and cycling. This is in the context of growing traffic volumes and the particular pressure point of school drop off and pick up times, along with feedback from many residents and visiting parents.

Our request is for NYC to make a number of recommendations, combined with our own Neighbourhood Plan proposals, on which we can then consult with all parishioners. Watch this space when we have a first plan to discuss.

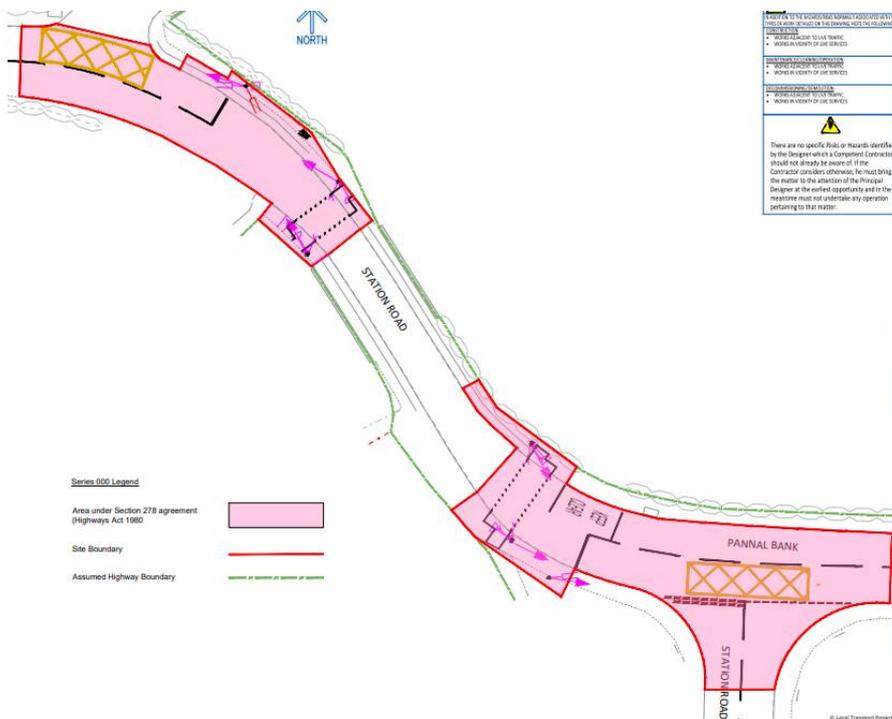
### **New and safer pedestrian crossing at Station Road/Pannal Bank bridge**

Many moons ago a developer commitment was made to provide a safer pedestrian crossing at the Station Road/Pannal Bank railway bridge, funded from a 'Section 278' condition on the 'Dunlopillo' site development. Currently, pedestrians have to 'run the gauntlet' to find a gap in the alternate traffic movements which only respond to demand from cars. Parents and children going to and from school from the new housing have fed back concerns in particular and we all have to cross here going through the village – especially with no path on the Co-op side of the road.

We have now had notice that the work will finally be done during August or early September, dates soon to be confirmed. There will be two crossing points – one at each end of the bridge, with 'on demand' pedestrian priority controls.

It is significant to note NYC Highways comment: *"the works and location (of the crossings) were agreed with the developers (of the Bellway estate) as part of a section 278 agreement in 2022. Necessary safety audits were carried out and approved at the time to ensure the appropriate location was considered."*

Please find below NYC's schematic drawing.



### Meeting with NYC officers regarding the Western Arc traffic and infrastructure

You will know from previous newsletter readings the concerns that councillors have for the inadequate infrastructure provision for the thousands of houses which have been, and will be, built in this area of Harrogate together with the considerable impact that our villages are already experiencing from the heavy and increased flow of traffic from these new dwellings. The situation will only get worse as the hundreds of houses are built, sold and occupied. This impact is also keenly felt by our neighbour parishes at Beckwithshaw, North Rigton and Hampsthwaite and, of course, well known by our HAPARA colleagues in the Pannal Ash and Harlow areas.

The Western Arc Co-ordination Group – represented by those above - are pleased to have been offered a meeting with NYC officers at the Civic Centre in Harrogate on 2<sup>nd</sup> August to further express the Group's concerns and discuss the proposed NYC mitigation measures.

### NYC invite residents to share their views on rubbish

At the request of NYC we reproduce, below, information they have asked us to share with you.

*North Yorkshire Council collects around 310,000 tonnes of household waste each year from over 300,000 properties. About 45 per cent of this is reused, recycled or composted. As part of Let's Talk Local and Let's Talk Money, you told us that we should focus on providing the best value for money and tackling climate change. At the moment there are seven different ways of collecting your recycling. Having just one way of doing this would be more efficient and give you better value for money.*

*Like you, we want to keep our county attractive and clean so everyone can enjoy it. Collectively, by reducing waste and increasing our recycling, we can help conserve our natural resources, protect our ecosystems, save energy, and support our ambitions of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and carbon negative by 2040.*

*We know this is an important subject, so please tell us about your rubbish and recycling, so we can look at what we can all do to help achieve our goals.*

*There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Rubbish:*

*You can fill in an online survey here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk> – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities, by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire.*

*If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library, leisure centre or [main local office](#) and return it in the envelope provided.*

You can also email [letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk) or call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey.

You can write to: Let's Talk, North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD

Accessible formats of the survey are available on request. Please share your views with us and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same. The survey closes on 16 September 2024. Questions from members of the public?

Please ask residents to email [LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk) or call the number above if they want to speak to someone."

### **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

In past years it has been usual – unless otherwise deemed necessary – to not convene an August meeting but, this summer, in reflection of working councillors' holiday commitments there will be *no* September meeting and instead the Parish Council will meet on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Best wishes

Cllr Cathy Burrell (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Neil Permain (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Steve Cobb, Andrew Farrar, Elatia Sharkey, Cliff Trotter and Helen Hayes

For reference, the most recent newsletter is always posted on the Village Notice Board (at the Village Hall) and all newsletters are posted on the website here: <http://www.pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk/Documents.aspx>

Also, if you use Facebook, please join our group where you'll get any breaking news more quickly than through these periodic newsletters:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pannal-and-Burn-Bridge-Parish-Council-1655335551445518/>